

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/798,857 Confirmation No.: 7179  
Applicant(s) : James F. Brown  
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TC/A.U. : 1641  
Examiner : Christopher L. Chin  
For : METHOD FOR DETECTING THE  
PRESENCE OF A SINGLE  
TARGET NUCLEIC ACID IN A  
SAMPLE  
Customer No. : 22896

**RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.114**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

With respect to the Final Office Action mailed March 19, 2009, the Applicants here invoke the benefit of C.F.R. Rule 1.114, and make the submission of the response for the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on **page 2** of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on **page 32** of this paper.